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SUBJECT: BERLIN: SOVIET REPLY TO ALLIED JANUARY 11 PROTEST

1. MFA THIRD EUROPEAN DIVISION DEPUTY CHIEF KVITSKINSKIY
CALLED IN U.S., BRITISH AND FRENCH DCMS MARCH 10 TO
DELIVER SOVIET REPLY (NON PAPER) TO ALLIED PROTEST OF
JANUARY 11 ON GDR ACTIONS IN BERLIN.

2. INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF SOVIETTEXT FOLLOWS:
BEGIN TEXT: IN CONNECTION WITH THE STATEMENT OF THE
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICAN OF JANUARY 11,
1977, THE USSR MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMUNICATES
THE FOLLOWING ON THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT.
THE SOVIET SIDE REJECTS AS UNFOUNDED THE ASSERTIONS
IN THE AMERICAN STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT THE MEASURES
UNDERTAKEN RECENTLY BY THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
ALLEGEDLY CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF THE QUADRI-
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PARTITE AGREEMENT SIGNED SEPTEMBER 3, 1971 IN WEST
BERLIN. AS IS KNOWN, THESE MEASURES ESTABLISH THE SYSTEM
AND PROCEDURE (REGULIGUYUT REZHIM I PORYADOK) FOR
TRANSIT OF THE STATE BOUNDARY OF THE GDR BY CITIZENS
OF FOREIGN STATES. CONSEQUENTLY, THE QUESTION RELATES
TO MATTERS WHICH THE GDR, LIKE ANY OTHER SOVEREIGN
STATE, HAS THE RIGHT TO DECIDE AT ITS OWN DISCRETION.

THESE MEASURES IN NO WAY EFFECT THE QA, SINCE THE SUBJECT OF THAT AGREEMENT IS WEST BERLIN AND ONLY WEST BERLIN.

AS FOR THE ASSERTIONS OF THE AMERICAN SIDE CONCERNING "GREATER BERLIN," WHICH ALLEGEDLY STILL HAS FOUR-POWER STATUS, THE SOVIET POINT OF VIEW ON THIS MATTER IS WELL KNOWN AND HAS BEEN REPEATEDLY CONVEYED TO THE THREE WESTERN POWERS. THE SOVIET SIDE CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY TO EMPHASIZE ONCE AGAIN THAT THE USA, GREAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE NEVER POSSESSED ANY SORT OF "INHERENT" (PYERVONACHAL'NYNI") EXTRA-TREATY RIGHTS IN REGARD TO BERLIN. BERLIN IN THE TERRITORIAL SENSE NEVER WAS DISTINGUISHED FROM (NIKOGDA NE VYDELYALSYA IZ SOSTAVA) THE FORMER SOVIET OCCUPATION ZONE OF GERMANY, AND THIS WAS REFLECTED IN THE RELEVANT QUADRIPARTITE DOCUMENTS. THE JOINT ADMINISTRATION OF BERLIN WHICH OCCURRED IN THE INITIAL POSTWAR YEARS WAS ABOLISHED AT THE TIME BY THE THREE WESTERN POWERS WHO VIOLATED THE FULFILLMENT OF QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENTS AND DECISIONS AND SEPARATED THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN FROM THEIR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT (OKRUZHENIYA).

THUS, NO "GREATER BERLIN" HAS EXISTED FOR A LONG TIME, NOR HAS THE "FOUR-POWER STATUS OF GREATER BERLIN." THERE EXISTS BERLIN THE CAPITAL OF THE GDR, WHICH IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE REPUBLIC AND HAS THE SAME STATUS AS ANY OTHER TERRITORY OF THE GDR. AND THERE EXISTS WEST BERLIN, A CITY WITH A SPECIAL STATUS, WHERE UP TO NOW A OCCUPATION REGIME CONTINUES. THE QA STEMS PER-CONFIDENTIAL

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CISELY FROM THESE LEGAL AND PRACTICAL REALITIES, WHICH ARE RECOGNIZED AND RESPECTED BY THE GREAT MAJORITY OF STATES OF THE WORLD.

THE QA IS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN INTERNATIONAL DETENTE. THE SOVIET UNION HAS ALWAYS SPOKEN OUT AND CONTINUES TO SPEAK OUT IN FAVOR OF ITS STRICT OBSERVANCE AND OF THE CONSCIENTIOUS FULFILLMENT OF THE OBLIGATIONS CONTAINED IN IT. THE SOVIET SIDE DEMANDS A SIMILAR APPROACH BY THE OTHER PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT. END TEXT.

3. DCM SAID THAT STATEMENT WOULD BE CONVEYED TO HIS GOVERNMENT AND THAT AN OFFICIAL REPLY WOULD PROBABLY BE FORTHCOMING IN DUE COURSE. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, HE REMARKED THAT THE SOVIET REPLY SEEMED A SERIOUSLY RETROGRADE STEP WHICH WAS NOT CONSISTENT WITH THE DECLARED SOVIET REGARD FOR THE QA.

4. REPORT ON BRITISH AND FRENCH MEETINGS AND COMMENT

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